



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2831
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68136

Yasumichi KUWAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/046,710

Group Art Unit: 2831

Confirmation No.: 4857

Examiner: Chau U. NGUYEN

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For: STRUCTURE FOR WATERPROOFING TERMINAL-WIRE CONNECTING PORTION
AND METHOD OF WATERPROOFING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants, however, hold in abeyance the rewriting of these claims until the Examiner has had a chance to consider the remarks below with respect to independent claims 1 and 5.

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